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UNO looks for parking in parkland

Legal problems could hinder UNO's plans for expansion

By D.J. STILES

UNO has had its eyes fixed on expansion into the Elmwood Park area for a couple of decades now.

As part of its recently released 10-year master plan, UNO has included a 3.7-acre "jut" of land located in Elmwood Park as the site of its future parking structure.

The idea of using park property has caused problems with both the city and area citizens in past years and most likely will cause more in the not so distant future.

"I fully expect problems," said UNO's

Chancellor Del Weber.

"This is a very controversial issue," Weber said. "One side says 'yes,' the other says 'no'; this is definitely something for the lawyers."

Weber said he doesn't even know if it is legal to purchase the park property. "Our attorney says that is not the case."

University of Nebraska General Counsel Richard Wood said "the only way possible for the park property to be used is with the power of eminent domain and as it exists, it would not be sufficient to acquire park land."

Wood said the city of Omaha and the NU Board of Regents both have the power of eminent domain and only specific legislature would vest the university with superioreminent domain.

"My office and the city attorney are in disagreement on the sale of the property," Wood

said. "It was acquired by gift with specific restrictions."

Wood said those restrictions specified that the park was to be kept in its native state so long as residential property exists.

"The residential properties don't exist," Wood said. "The city is able to sell."

According to Jo Cavel, assistant Omaha city attorney, the park property "cannot be used by UNO."

Cavel said that park property is held in trust for use by all citizens and can't be entrusted to just one entity.

"We've been through this before," Cavel said. "So far as I can tell UNO has been asking for the property for 20 years and the city has

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SPO requests funding increase for new program

By KIM HANSEN

A new program for nighttime students may become a reality if the Student Programming Organization (SPO) 1991-92 budget is approved.

The Student Activities Budget Committee reviewed preliminary budget requests from SPO and Student Government Thursday. SPO requested \$113,450 from student fees, a 5.2 percent increase from 1990-91. Student Government requested \$52,649 for the next fiscal year. Last year, Student Government received \$56,442 in student fees. Student Government's request was approved. The SPO request was tabled for one week.

Student fees are divided into Funds A and B. Fund A, \$7,50 per student, funds SPO, Student Government, the Women's Resource Center, United Minority Students, International Student Services, the Council for Community and Legislative Relations, the Disabled Student Agency and the *Gateway*.

Gary Zuhu, director of SPO, said the budget increase would allow SPO to provide a new program, called Twilight, to non-traditional students attending evening classes. Each event would start at a different time in order to accommodate night student's fluctuating schedules, he said.

The attention of night students is hard to attract, Zuhu said. For the last five years SPO has wanted to do something for those attending night classes, he said.

SPO sponsors such events at UNO as the Comedy Shoppe, films, the Rising Star Series, performing arts and other activities for students.

Student Government will pay \$9,500 from its budget to pay the Chief Administrative Officer, Recording Secretary, Executive Treasurer and the Student Senate Speaker. Students voted to pay the officers of Student Government and the directors of the Women's Resource Center, Disabled Student Agency, American Multicultural Students and International Student Services in last October's elections.



Jenny Lasley, a participant in the Pow Wow, has been dancing since she was 5 years old. The Pow Wow was sponsored by the Native American Student Association (NASA) and was held Thursday in the Student Center.

Smoking policy draws fire from smokers

By HEIDI JEANNE HESS

The new smoking policy at UNO went into effect last Friday, and some students are claiming discrimination.

The policy prohibits smoking in all university vehicles and all lounges, except for some areas of the Student Center.

Until Friday, smoking in the College of Business Administration Building, the Durham Science Center and Arts and Sciences Hall, was allowed in specific areas of the lounges.

However, the new policy now designates those buildings as non-smoking areas. The Student Center only allows smoking in some

areas of the Nebraska room, dining room A, the television/vending lounge, the Tower room and its lounge area. Faculty and staff may smoke in closed offices.

Steve Jackson, a senior majoring in business, says the policy is discriminatory against students because they don't have the opportunity to smoke in the buildings since few students have access to a private office.

"There are more environmental hazards aside of smoke — litter, recycling, exhaust," he said.

"It is going to be like being back in high school, having to sneak cigarettes in the bathroom," said Jamie Leblond, a smoker.

Jackson and Leblond said they believe it is a

minority of non-smokers who are pushing to radically restrict smoking at UNO.

"The other policy was working just fine, they shouldn't try to fix things that aren't broken," Leblond said.

Geoffrey Harrold, a non-smoking graduate student, disagrees. "As a non-smoker I am rather glad (for the policy change)."

Harrold said the lounges where people smoked were not adapted for smoking because ventilation is poor and the university did not have "smoke eaters" in the rooms.

Despite the policy, Harrold said he believes smokers will lapse into their old habits after time and smoke where ever they want.

Local Briefs

ROTC to sponsor Red Cross blood drive

UNO's Army ROTC will be sponsoring a blood drive through the American Red Cross on Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Nebraska room of the Student Center.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

1990 Nebraska census results may affect UNO

The cities of Omaha and Lincoln gained more people than any other Nebraska communities during the 1980s, according to recently-released figures by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Omaha's population increased by 21,856 from 1980 to 1990, while Lincoln had 20,040 new residents, the figures showed.

The city of Bellevue had the third-highest growth with 9,169 new residents, according to the figures.

The Census Bureau indicated Nebraska's total population increased by 0.5 percent from 1980 to 1,578,385 residents.

According to Dave Fifer of UNO's Public Affairs Research, these figures, released Jan. 24, are the first of several population figures to be released by 1992.

Fifer said, since these current figures are so general, he is unable to say at this time, if or how these figures will affect UNO.

He said more might be known by April 1 when more detailed population figures will be released.

"By law, we are required to have by April 1, the total number of people over 18, (or) the voting-age population," Fifer said. "This will include a city's population, block by block. This is important for redistricting of local officials."

He said when those figures are released, they may help indicate the number of people currently of traditional college age.

Fifer said UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research has been

the lead agency of the Nebraska State Data Center since December 1988.

He said the center is designed to help people make better use of population figures and other government statistics.

"We help disseminate census population and help interpret information," Fifer said. "We're the place where people can call for information."

UNO Adult Children of Alcoholics meetings

The UNO Adult Children of Alcoholics will meet every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Omaha room of the Student Center.

All people who consider issues of parental alcoholism a factor in their life are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Scholarship fund-raiser set for Valentine's Day

The annual Paul Beck Faculty/Staff Scholarship fund raising day will be held on Valentine's Day.

The Student Center Food Service will participate in the fund raising efforts by utilizing some faculty and staff as greeters in Dining rooms A and B to assist with the food service.

A portion of the day's proceeds will be contributed to the scholarship.

The scholarship idea was initiated by Professor Paul Beck when he was a member of the Faculty Senate in 1969, however, the scholarship was renamed in remembrance of Beck after his death in 1974.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$500 and \$250 are

provided each year to qualified undergraduate students, both full time and part-time students are considered for the awards.

The fund raising is being coordinated by Faculty Senators Obie Clayton and Roger Sharpe.

Correction - that's the Graduate Studies office

The Graduate Studies office, in Eppley Administration Building Room 204, will remain open for business until 6 p.m. on Mondays during the Spring semester.

For more information, don't call the College of Continuing Studies office, as printed in the Feb. 1 issue. Call Graduate Studies at 554-2341.

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Eugene Freund, UNO education professor, speaking at the panel on Friday. Freund said one of the costs of the war is that Congress is putting off issues like child care, education and health care.

War distracting U.S. from its domestic problems, panel says

By JENNIFER WESTCOTT

The Persian Gulf war is keeping the U.S. government side tracked from important social issues, said panelists at the American Association of University Professors discussion on Operation Desert Storm.

The panelists, Donald Baum, associate professor of economics; Eugene Freund, professor of teacher education; Michael Gillespie, associate professor of philosophy and religion; Loree Bykerk, instructor of political science and Marylyn Felion, who is active in the peace movement, spoke on the effects the Gulf war has on the people of the U.S.

The panel discussion was held last Friday afternoon at the Student Center.

According to Freund, one cost of the war is that Congress is putting off the "social agenda" and issues like child care, education and health care are not being discussed because of the war.

Bykerk mentioned many of the same points, adding that

Congressmen are already looking toward the 1992 election.

"When I look at what this war is costing us in terms of domestic agenda, I think that we will see a different, but still very high level of partisanship in relation to the White House and Congress," she said.

Bykerk said if the war remained popular it would help President Bush and the Republican party, but the American people may see very little "in terms of productivity" from the government.

Baum said an important factor of the war is the current national deficit. The cost of a 90-day war would be \$60 billion, while the current fiscal year deficit without a war is \$318 billion. Consequently, a war lasting one year would cost taxpayers \$240 billion, more than one-half of the current national deficit.

The discussion ended with questions from the audience.

The next panel will be Feb. 15, in the College of Business Administration auditorium at noon. The topic will be "The New World Order."

Freund gives historical view of war in Gulf

By GREG KOZOL

Americans need to look at the Persian Gulf war in a different light, taking into account the region's long history and various religions, UNO religion professor Richard Freund said.

"Is the media informing the public of the people they are engaging with (in the war)? They think everything can be explained in political terms, devoid of religious and historical context," Freund said.

Understanding the region's history and religious differences helps explain how the Middle East will react to the war, Freund said.

"Having Vietnam, Hitler, the Holocaust and World War II as your frame of reference does not give you an insight on what's going on," he said. "When they (Middle Easterners) look at this, they see the Crusades."

Some Arabs may interpret the war as Western meddling in their affairs — a Middle Eastern concern that dates to the time of the Crusades.

Freund said Saddam Hussein may be willing to take a military defeat if it will make him stronger politically within the Arab world.

Another Arab leader, Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser, suffered a military loss at the hands of the West in 1956, but emerged more powerful in the Arab world because of it.

"In the end, no matter what the outcome, unless he is no longer in power, he will come out a hero with many Moslem groups," Freund said.

Besides the region's history, the religious differences also have not been explained in the media, Freund said. For example, he said the word jihad, meaning conflict, has been incorrectly portrayed as only referring to a holy war against non-Muslims. However, a jihad can be used in a war between two Muslim nations, Freund said.

"There is no such thing as a split between religion and politics," he said. "Any war is a religious war for them."

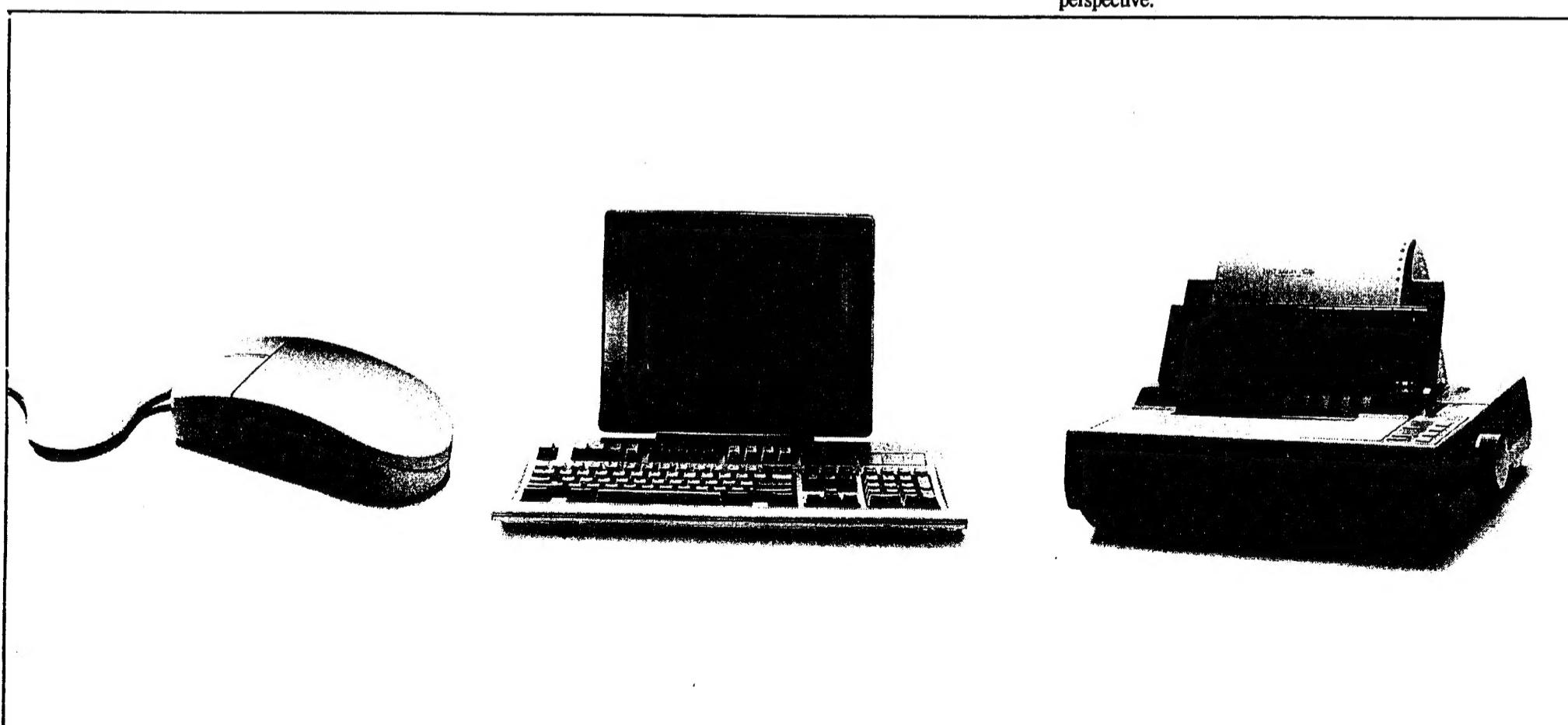
Also, Jewish reaction to the war also has not been explained, he said.

Israelis face a particular challenge deciding whether or not to retaliate from Iraqi Scud missile attacks. According to Jewish ethics, Freund said, there is no such thing as a just war. But the missile attacks mark one of the first times Jews have had to put these ethics into practice.

"For the past 2,000 years, Jews have been observers of history," he said. "They were spectators with no army, no country."

Freund said taking into account different views does not mean not supporting the U.S. role in the war.

"I never second guess government or military leaders and say I would have done this differently," he said. "I am not privy to the same information as them. I am only putting things in a historical perspective."



Med Pulse

'Lab weapons' to enter warfare Med Center professor explains chemical warfare

By STACIE HAWKES

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told his front line commanders Sunday, they can fire chemical weapons at their own discretion.

Talk of Saddam's chemical arsenal began before the Persian Gulf war did. No one is completely sure how dangerous they may be when, and if, they are ever used.

For most Americans, the idea of chemical warfare may be unclear. But to the soldiers on the front lines, it is all too clear.

Chemical weapons are not new. The Germans used them in World War I and World War II.

The weapons were liquid ones like phosgene, hydrochloric acid and cyanide. Upon impact, the liquids turned into gases, which were fatal when inhaled.

Gas masks were used then and helped keep the chemicals out of the lungs. But soon, another dangerous weapon followed, this one attacking the skin.

Terry Hexum, an assistant professor of pharmacology of the nervous system at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said gas masks did not protect the soldiers from mustard gas.

Hexum said mustard gas was dangerous if inhaled but the immediate damage came to the skin.

"The instant the chemical hits the skin, it begins to blister, causing severe discomfort," Hexum said. "At that point, all a soldier wants to do is lay down his gun and get help."

Hexum said chemicals like mustard gas begin working immediately.

First the skin itches, and if not washed off properly will eat the skin away from the bone.

If it gets into the eyes, it could cause blindness, and in the lungs it would be like swallowing acid.

Hexum said the protective uniforms the soldiers wear are sufficient to protect them from chemical attacks but there is no antidote for those who suffer from chemical gas attacks.

Although some of the agents that may be used by Iraqi forces are not new, many have been improved since their use during the Iran-Iraq war in the last decade.

Hexum said it is now believed that Iraq carries an arsenal of nerve gases.

Nerve gases are more toxic than other chemical ones. They work faster and usually result in death.

Hexum said nerve gas explodes as a vapor, and a soldier may not know he has been hit with it.

Nerve gas doesn't cause direct irritation, Hexum said, because it is absorbed into the bloodstream.

Nerve gas acts in a manner similar to that of pesticides.

Hexum said the gas affects the nervous sys-

"There is a therapeutic agent called atropine, which comes from a plant called deadly nightshade," Hexum said. "The drug blocks the effects of acetylcholine, which returns the nervous system to the way it was originally functioning."

Each soldier in Saudi Arabia carries the antidote on his uniform. Hexum said the soldier must inject himself with the antidote if he feels the symptoms of a nerve gas attack.

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— Terry Hexum

tem by halting the production of a neuro-transmitter called acetylcholine-esterase.

This neuro-transmitter is vital to the system because it allows for overproduction of another neuro-transmitter called acetylcholine, which tells the system what action to take.

Hexum said acetylcholine-esterase is necessary to stop the signal to do an action, and without it, the action will be prolonged.

That action begins with things like saliva production and perspiration.

Hexum said the body won't know to stop those functions.

"The victim will actually drool and sweat continuously," he said.

The body will then slow the rate of the heart and begin to pinch off the bronchial tube, Hexum said.

"Eventually, there is a build-up of acetylcholine in the brain and the victim will become disoriented," Hexum said.

For nerve gases like tabun, sarin, and soman, there are drugs which can neutralize the effects.

the antidote," Hexum said. "Although, some nerve gases are so toxic that even the antidote won't do any good."

Hexum is a specialist on the effects of agents that inhibit acetylcholine.

Hexum said he believes Saddam Hussein uses the chemical weapons as units of terrorism.

"(Saddam's) chemicals can be used to wipe out large amounts of people. It is a blanket philosophy," Hexum said. "You can't direct the bullets like you can the chemicals."

As of today, there have been no reports of any use of chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf war.

Part 1 in a series on the
Persian Gulf war

Health Hints

compiled by
Stacie Hawkes

The gift of life

It is always tragic when a death comes to a family, and is even more tragic when it could have been prevented.

In the United States alone, it is estimated that 30 percent of all children waiting for organ transplants die before they get one.

Jane Potter, chief of geriatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said becoming an organ donor is easy.

"Almost anyone can become an organ donor. Age is not a concern," she said. "Donors can range in age from a few months to 70 and beyond. Health is also not always a factor."

Potter said a person who dies from one disease may have other organs that remained healthy and work fine.

A person who receives an organ transplant can return to near normal activities and actually improve the quality of their life.

Potter said many people are hesitant to become an organ donor. She said fears such as altering the appearance of a body prior to a funeral are unfounded.

"There is no major religion opposed to donating organs and doctor's never consider taking any organ from a live patient."

Becoming an organ donor simply means carrying an Uniform Organ Donor card in your wallet, and notifying your family of that wish.

Always make sure your family knows of your plans, Potter said. Even with the card, though, the family still has the final say in the decision.

Although there is no cost involved in becoming a donor, Potter said the value to a surviving patient is priceless.

And a family may be losing a loved one, but at the same time, giving the gift of life, she said.

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Opinion

There's that old 'P' word again

Priorities. Whenever it comes time for budget cuts, that word gets thrown around a lot.

So it was when Gov. Ben Nelson brought his 1992-93 budget to the Legislature for approval. Under Nelson's proposed budget, the NU system would receive a 1.9 percent increase in 1992 and a 5.6 percent increase in 1993.

This falls short of the 12.5 percent increase the University of Nebraska Board of Regents asked the Legislature for.

If the NU system doesn't get all the money it asked for, it will

Staff Editorial

NU Budget

have to reduce the amount it planned to spend during 1992-93. Fewer faculty may be hired. Planned construction may have to be put on hold. It all depends on where the money is taken out of the 1992-93 NU budget.

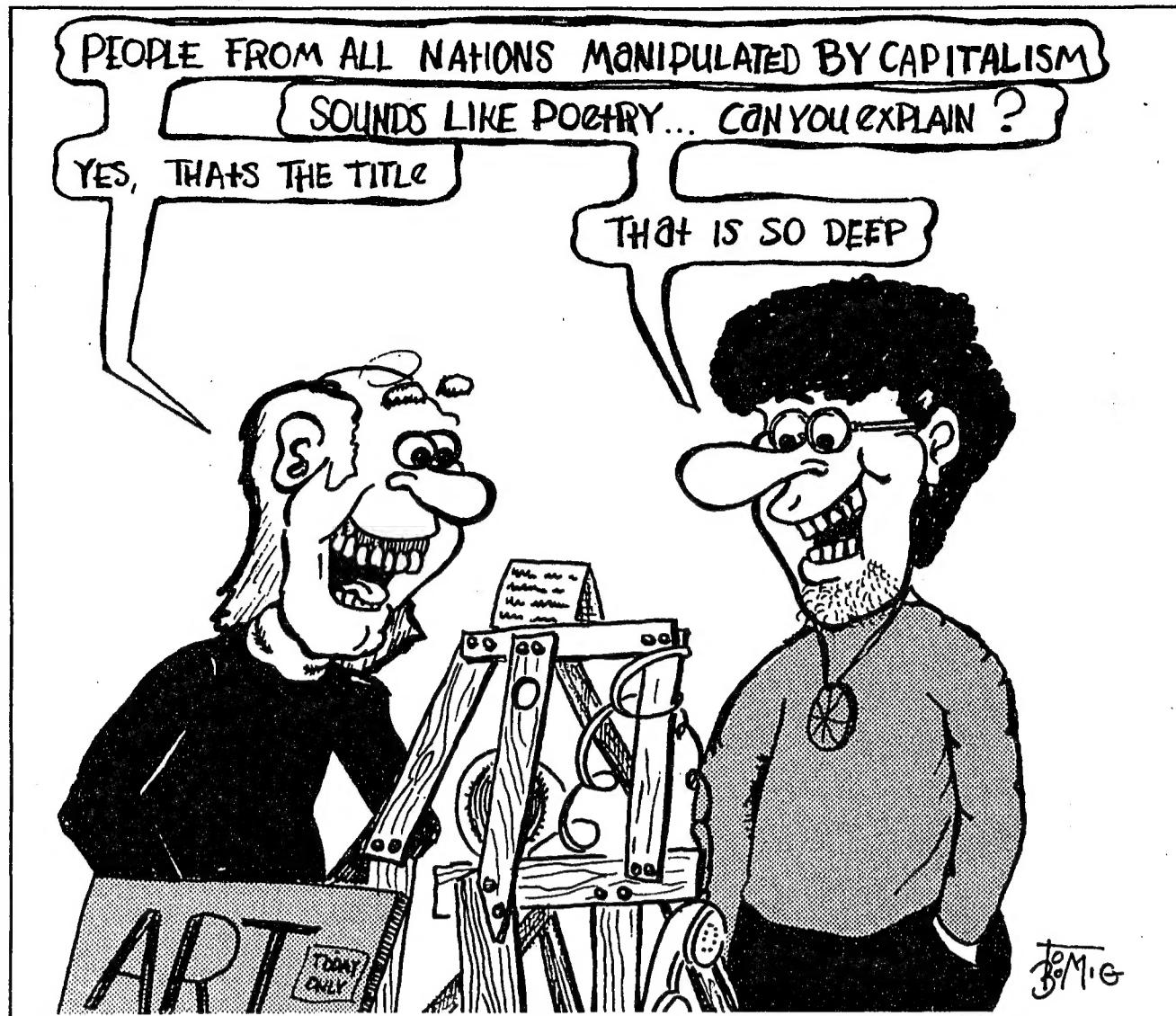
There are those priorities showing up again.

In a time when the United States is fighting a war abroad and a recession at home, budget cuts are a fact of life we all have to deal with. The question becomes not if we should cut spending, but how.

So now we get a chance to see where the priorities of our new governor and the Fearless 49 are. What is important to them? Highways? The war on drugs? Higher education? New carpet for the governor's mansion?

Now more than ever, it is time to remind the Legislature of the importance of higher education to the future of Nebraska. Remind them the competitiveness of American industry tomorrow depends on how well educated today's students are.

Remind them higher education should be a top priority.



U.N. should be involved in all future wars

As the Persian Gulf war continues, people have their minds set on when and how to win the conflict.

Few people seem to be all that concerned, however, with the aftermath — George Bush's so-called "New World Order."

Things will change because of the current conflict. Negotiations are inevitable and to a point good. The problem remains: Who will do the negotiating and to what extent will solutions be pursued?

Ironically, the paramount concern after the Persian Gulf war would seem to be the Israeli-Palestinian issue.

Neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians are shooting in the Gulf war, even though they have both been targets of Iraqi missiles.

Saddam Hussein used the Palestinian issue to create a diversion during his invasion of Kuwait. In doing so, he created a few paradoxes.

First, Iraq invaded Kuwait, killing innocent civilians, exiling the rightful ruler, and claiming the territory as its own. At the same time, Hussein pointed a political finger at Israel for firing tear gas at rock-bearing Palestinians.

Secondly, Saddam has promised the Palestinians a homeland. This is outrageous considering he won't recognize that his Kurdish people want their own homeland, as well.

It seems double standards are overflowing in the Middle East.

I don't want to be misunderstood. The Palestinian issue is an issue that must be dealt with. But the method of dealing with that issue must be carefully chosen, in order to treat all sides fairly.

The conference after the Persian Gulf war cannot be comprised only of Israel and the Arab states. Israel wouldn't stand a chance at such a conference.

On the other hand, the conference cannot be made up solely of Israel, the Western allies and the Palestine Liberation Orga-

Dave Dufek

Columnist



after the war. The United Nations General Assembly is a perfect opportunity to voice such concerns and have the issue ironed out.

The current conflict is proof of the U.N.'s desire — and ability — to bind together to solve a crisis. Such an ability had not been demonstrated since the Cold War began. The Persian Gulf war provides an opportunity for the U.N. to take advantage of that new-found cohesion and create world solutions.

The United Nations was justified in its reaction to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. To justify the United Nations, however, requires a much more active role in world affairs.

If the United Nations doesn't actively pursue global understanding, it has just become a mere rubber stamp, condemning this and approving that, without any real substance to its activity.

Does this mean George Bush's "New World Order" is an effort to join nations to stop aggression when it starts?

I sincerely hope so.

After all, the United Nations was created by nations tired of war and aggression, as reflected in the Preamble of the U.N. Charter:

"We the peoples of the United Nations (are) determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind and . . . to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to insure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest."

What is that common interest? The one driving Iraq out of Kuwait now. Hopefully it's the same interest which will give the Palestinians a homeland after the war.

I pray that this interest will protect future generations from madmen like Saddam Hussein and seek to further world peace and understanding.

It's optimistic, but hopefully this is the "New World Order."

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The Gateway: Owner's manual for the human mind

Parking initially sought in '70s

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consistently said no. I assume this will continue to be their position."

In a joint effort, the city of Omaha and UNO attempted to build a parking garage on Elmwood park property in the early '70s. According to Cavel, a group of private citizens opposing the idea fought UNO and the city and subsequently won the case in the Nebraska Supreme Court, proving that the city did not have the legal right to donate or sell public property.

Larry Foster, administrator for the Omaha Parks and Recre-

ation Department, said "the first thing that needs to be discussed is the legal issue. That could take a long period of time."

"I don't know of any discussion on the issue as of yet," Foster said. "No other changes are on order for the Elmwood property."

Foster said, "it can be done - should it be?"

Weber said the park property is not "main priority" and not something to be acquired today or tomorrow.

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Off the wall By Bob Atherton



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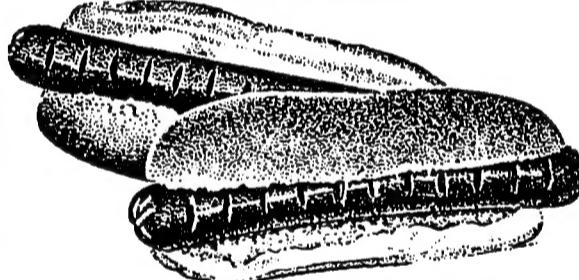
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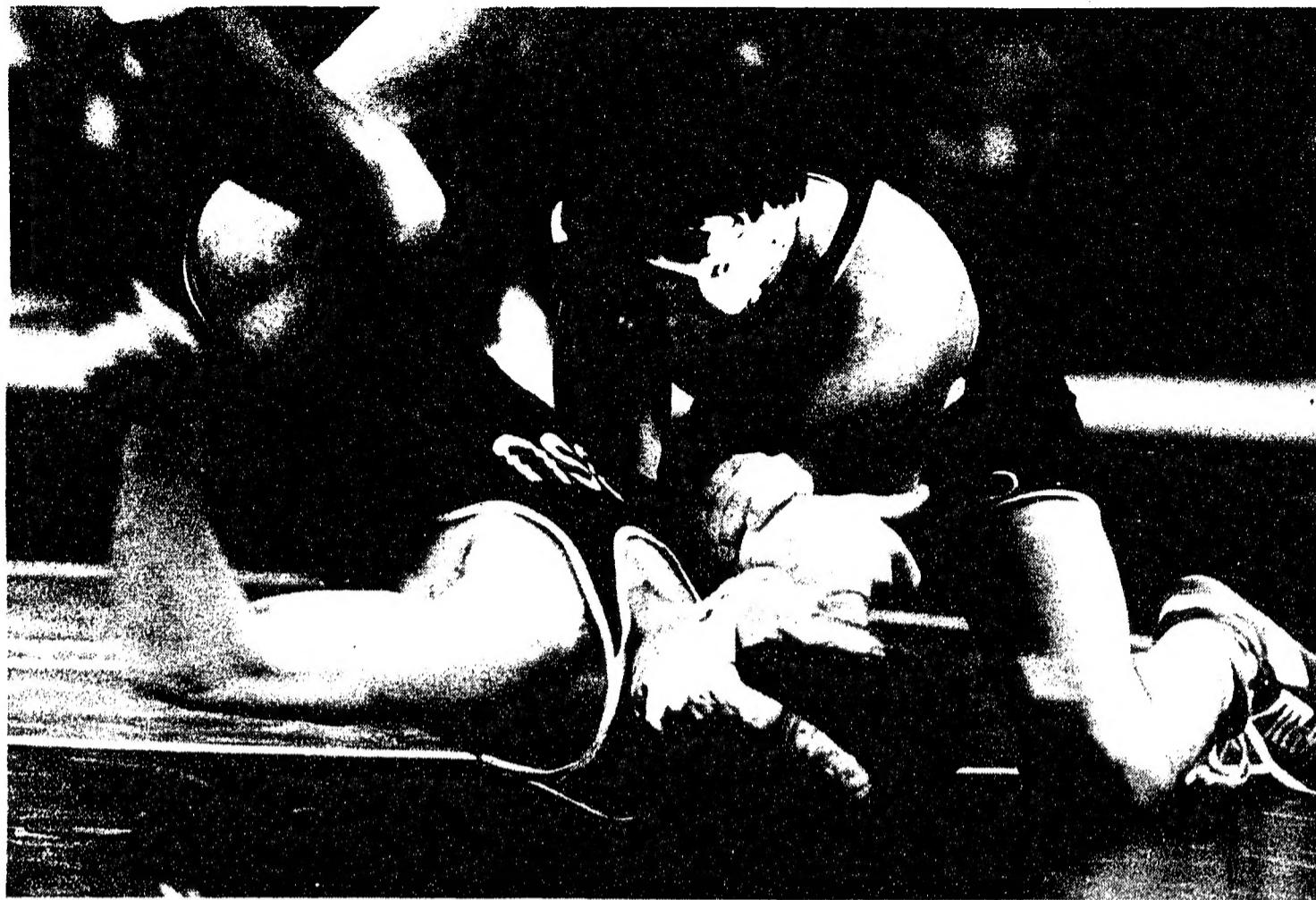
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UNO wrestler Marc Bauer controls North Dakota State University wrestler Wayne Werner in a 126-pound match at UNO Saturday. Bauer and Werner wrestled to a 3-3 tie, while North Dakota State upset top-ranked UNO 25-10.

Grapplers topped by No. 2 NDSU

Mavs lose top spot to Bison at UNO dual

By DAVE DUFEK

The UNO wrestling team was just recovering from a pleasant surprise—being ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II.

Then came the punch line.

Second-ranked North Dakota State University topped the No. 1 Mavericks 25-10 in a dual at UNO.

The loss put the Mavericks at 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the North Central Conference (NCC). North Dakota State moved to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the NCC after the dual.

"Well, I thought all along they (NDSU) were the No. 1 team," UNO Coach Mike Denney said. "They're still the team to beat in Division

II. I knew they'd be tough."

"I don't think we wrestled as good as we could have, though. And I think North Dakota State wrestled the best they have all year. They took round one. We can take rounds two and three."

"Round one" was the dual. "Rounds two and three" are the NCC tournament and the national tournament.

"To win two out of three rounds from them, we'll have to perform better than we did on Saturday," Denney said. "And they were motivated to knock off the No. 1 team in the country. They did."

The UNO squad wrestled without regular 190-pounder Pat Gentzler, lost to a knee injury the previous weekend. Gentzler's injury forced Denney to shift wrestlers to different weight classes.

"This team was typical of North Dakota

State teams of the past," Denney said. "And we were typical of UNO teams of the past—good, strong North Central Conference wrestling."

Friday, the Mavericks will travel to Greeley, Colo. to square off against NCC foe Northern Colorado Saturday, the team travels to Laramie, Wyo. to face the Universities of Wyoming and Southern Colorado in a triangular meet.

"I think that's what we need right now," Denney said. "I want some good, tough competition for these guys. That's the best thing after a loss is to get some good competition in and get back on track."

Scott Ruff, UNO's 142-pounder, defeated North Dakota State's Joel Vettel with a 2-1 decision. Ruff is rated the No. 2 142-pound wrestler in the nation in Division II.

At 177 pounds, UNO's Jessie Smith overcame Jeff Ersland 4-3, and Marc Bauer (126) and three-time All-American Joe Wypiszewski (190) wrestled to 3-3 draws in their matches.

Mavs lose 2 on North Dakota boards

By MARK GREGORY

Continuing an up-and-down trend after winning its first three conference games, the 18th-ranked UNO men's basketball team dropped a pair of key North Central Conference (NCC) games this weekend in North Dakota.

Friday night in Fargo, the 12-6 Mavericks shot 31.7 percent from the field in a 65-48 loss to 12-7 North Dakota State University (NDSU). The Bison connected on 42.6 percent from the floor and won the battle of the boards 38-25.

The loss, coupled with Saturday night's defeat at Grand Forks against the University of North Dakota (UND), drops UNO to third place in the league at 5-4.

Against the Bison, the Mavericks stayed close in the first half, despite shooting 25 percent from the field. NDSU led 24-20 at intermission.

But the Bison kept the Mavs from getting any closer than three points the remainder of the contest. With 13:07 left, NDSU held a slim 34-31 lead.

The Mavs sneaked to within 41-36 with 9:11

left, but NDSU went on a 19-4 run to grab a 60-40 lead.

The Bison, 4-6 in the NCC, scored their last 15 points from the foul line.

Phil Cartwright led the Mavs in scoring with 16 points and Troy Flowers added 10.

League-leading UND, 17-2 overall and 9-1 in the conference, dealt UNO a 74-65 loss before an audience of 6,184 at Hyslop Sports Center.

UND's leading scorer, Thor Palamore, poured in 20 for the Mavs, but it wasn't enough. The Fighting Sioux boasted four players in double figures. Troy Deane hit six out of seven from the field and scored 16 points for UND.

North Dakota led 33-22 at intermission. Overall, UND outshot UNO from the floor 45 percent to 40 percent and held a 30-28 advantage on the boards.

Although hitting just 30.7 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes, UND sank all 14 free-throws in the first half.

The Fighting Sioux, defending NCC champs, led 72-52 with 2:52 left, but UNO scored 13 points trying to close the gap.

Lady Mavs drop 2

The North Dakota schools took two from the UNO Lady Mavs on the basketball court over the weekend.

Friday night North Dakota State University (NDSU), 18-1 overall and 8-1 in the North Central Conference (NCC), whipped UNO 97-71 for the Lady Mavs' fourth loss in five games. Saturday night, the University of North Dakota (UND), No. 7 in NCAA Division II, handed UNO a 69-41 loss.

The weekend losses left UNO 3-6 in the NCC and 8-11 overall.

UND's leading scorers, Darcy Burns (13.4 points per game) and Kim Mumma (13.1 per game) led the Lady Mavs with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Winning its 19th straight game, UND moved to 19-1 and 9-1 with Saturday's win over UNO. UND's Whitney Meier led both teams in scoring with 20 points. Burns led UNO with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Sarah Smock

Sports columnist



Sports teach teamwork — if you can learn it

When I was in third grade, I played on a YMCA basketball team. I haven't played basketball (not even one-on-one) since.

This was at a time when girls still played three-on-three half-court basketball. Since I was the shortest, skinniest girl on the team, I was relegated to playing guard. That meant I never got to shoot the ball.

At every game, I showed up with my hair in clip barrettes and my knee pads pulled up to cover my bony knees, which probably never hit the floor the whole season.

It wasn't like anyone ever passed me the ball. Even when I was completely open, nobody would pass me the ball. I can't say I blame them, though.

My friend Ronni wasn't any better. She was a guard too, but once in a while she got a hold of the ball. Occasionally, she would shoot it; most of the time she even made it. This might sound good, but we were guards. We couldn't score points.

I can't remember if any of us were actually good at basketball. In fact, I don't even remember all the girls who were on the team. I never really felt like I was really part of the team. Maybe the other girls felt that way too. I'm not sure.

I very clearly remember our last game, though. We hadn't won a single game the entire season. Before the game, we stood together and did a cheer vowing to win this last one.

I can't remember how badly we lost, but it was pretty decisive. I remember one girl, Melinda, cried and told all of us how bad we were. She was tall, so maybe she played better than I did. Well, I'm sure she played better than I did. But she also married a 40-year-old man when we were sophomores in high school. (They have since divorced.)

I think we were supposed to learn a lot about playing on a team and working together in the YMCA league. All I can remember thinking at the time was that team sports were not for me.

I wasn't very good at accepting the blame-as-a-whole philosophy. I always wanted to pick on one poor girl who had really blown it and say it was all her fault.

The closest I came to playing basketball after that was cheering at the games in high school. I didn't like it any better then.

When I played as a third-grader and the forwards had the ball, I thought it was boring. When I cheered in high school and forwards for the other team had the ball, I thought it was boring. There just wasn't enough action moving up and down the court. Boys basketball was a lot more exciting to watch.

Luckily, my high school switched to five-on-five full-court basketball between my sophomore and junior years in high school. That made girls basketball a lot more exciting to watch (and probably to play too).

Recently, the "men" at the *Gateway* decided they wanted to play intramural basketball here at UNO. They considered a co-ed team for a time and asked me to play. I have a feeling they won't win the title at the end of the season, either.

I knew better than to say yes.